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(Reader's Service to the Chinese Mail)

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The New Year's Honours List includes the King's Police Medal for the following:
Arthur Lane Station Officer, Hongkong Police Force.
William Murray, Chief Detective Inspector of Police, Hongkong.
James Kerr, Chief Inspector of Police, Hongkong.
Hau Hang, Principal Chinese Detective of Hongkong Police.

WEST AUSTRALIAN RAILWAYS PARALYSED

PERTH, WESTERN AUSTRALIA, January 2.
The railway engine drivers have struck demanding £383 a year and double pay on Sundays. The railways are paralysed.

NEWFOUNDLAND OIL

St. John's, Newfoundland, January 2.

The Government announces the completion of the agreement with the Anglo-Persian Oil Co. whereby the latter undertakes to prospect all ungranted Crown lands in the Colony for the next five years. The Government undertakes not to grant mineral areas to other parties during that period.

NAVAL SEAPLANE'S EXPLOIT

SAN DIEGO, January 2.

The naval seaplane N.C.H., carrying a pilot and five passengers, flew from San Diego to Magdalena Bay, 702 miles in 555 minutes.

HEAVY FALL OF RAIN AT MELBOURNE

MELBOURNE, January 2.

Over three inches of rain have fallen, but the weather is now fine.

GLOOMY HOME NEWS

LANCASHIRE SITUATION WORST SINCE AMERICAN CIVIL WAR

BELFAST BUILDERS DOWN TOOLS

LONDON, January 2.

The Woolwich arsenal workers are strongly hostile to the Government's short-time proposals, which they declare will mean starvation for 5,000 people.

Belfast builders have downed tools as a protest against the reduction of 5d. an hour in wages.

Reports state that the Lancashire situation is the worst it has been since the American Civil War. At Blackburn alone 40,000 persons are receiving unemployment insurance.

SENSATIONAL ARREST

BIG AMERICAN PROHIBITION FRAUD

NEW YORK, January 2.

The sensational arrest has been made of two girls, residents in the office of the Prohibition Director, and three men on charge of withholding \$250,000 worth of liquor from bond afterwards to be sold at enormous profits. It is alleged that they spent thousands of dollars in bribing minor officials.

SELFRIDGE'S DAUGHTER TO WED FRENCH ARISTOCRAT

LONDON, January 2.

The engagement is announced of Mr. Selfridge's daughter, Violette, to Viscount Sibour, a member of an ancient French family.

ASSASSINATED IN BAGDAD

ERSS, January 2.

An official message from Bagdad states that the Chief of Police and a British officer were assassinated on December 25 by a bomb in the principal street of the city. The perpetrators have not been discovered.

WHERE IS DE VALERA?

WHEREABOUTS OF SINN FEIN LEADER STILL A MYSTERY

STRANGE NEW YORK REPORT

LONDON, January 2.

The whereabouts of De Valera are still a mystery. The New York Times refers to a report which it says cannot be verified, that De Valera sailed for Europe ten days ago under the name of Dudley Field Malone, an ex-collector for the poor. The New York Times says that the whereabouts of Malone, who is a well-known ex-Senator of Germany, are at present unknown.

BIG MILITARY RAID IN IRELAND

LONDON, January 2.

Forty alleged Sinn Fein leaders were arrested by a military raid at Bally in County Cork.

THE POLAR

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CRAIGENPOWER DANCE

A FANCY DRESS

Craigengower Club members and friends danced the new year in. The affair was generally well attended, and the dancing was highly enjoyable. The success of the night was due to the excellent music and work of Messrs. Kent and A. Ellis.

Some of the dancers appeared in fancy dress, and thus contributed to the interest. One was bound to make a fool of herself by a pretty lady who appeared as "Adversaria," with "China Mail" headlines printed all over a white dress. It should have been lavishly splashed with red to get the right effect, for Adversaria is well read. However, we appreciate the compliment, and present our most respectful compliments to the fair dancer.

St. John's Cathedral Church Notes state that during the year past the Cathedral has once again been able to secure the help of an assistant, Chaplain, and Mr. Holman is already well known. As the Senior Chaplain expects to go home to leave in April, some arrangement for clerical assistance ought to be made, for it is not right to expect one priest to carry on the work of the Cathedral single-handed. There ought to be at least two priests always at the Cathedral. It is to be hoped that adequate arrangements will be made during this year to place the income of the Bishop on a satisfactory basis, and to solve the question of an Episcopal residence. The want of a house for the Chaplain, adds Church Notes, another need which hinders the work of the church here and which ought to receive attention. It is a matter for surprise that St. John's Cathedral has never yet had any clergy house connected with it and it is in this matter in a worse position than the other churches in the Colony.

VOLLEY BALL

CLOSE OF SEASON

On the Y.M.C.A. playground on Friday afternoon, a large and representative gathering saw the closing game of the season, of the Hongkong Volley-ball league, and the presentation of trophies after the game, by Sir Robert Ho Tung, St. Paul's College won the shield in the First Division, while Ellis Kadogrie School carried off the Second and Small Boys' Divisions cup and bowl. The match which preceded the presentation of prizes, was between the St. Paul's team and a side chosen from the Rest of the first division of the league. A very keenly contested match resulted in a draw.

In asking Sir Robert Ho Tung to distribute the prizes, Mr. E. G. Stewart, acting headmaster of St. Paul's College, said: he had the honour of being one of the players in the first volley-ball match in Hongkong and had never realised the extent to which the game had improved until he saw that day's exhibition match, the players in which showed a much higher standard of play than the players of by-gone days. "If the game kept on improving, he was 'horrified' to think of it in ten years' time. Mr. Stewart said Sir Robert had always been a supporter of Chinese sports in the Colony and was one of the chief supporters of the Eastern Olympic (Applause).

Sir Robert Ho Tung, who was heartily welcomed, said: Gentlemen and boys, I thank you for the honour you have done me to-day in asking me to come here to present the prizes. I need hardly say that it gave me the greatest pleasure to accept the invitation. You have afforded me the opportunity of witnessing a fine exhibition of volley-ball, the second of its kind that I have seen in my life. I have no doubt that our young generation must derive much benefit from the game. I only wish I could have had the same opportunity to my young days for I would have been a much stronger and a better man (laughter). I hope you will continue to play this game with the same amount of spirit and enthusiasm as you have done to-day. (Applause).

Sir Robert then gave away the prizes and congratulated the winners, being accompanied by a party of the club.

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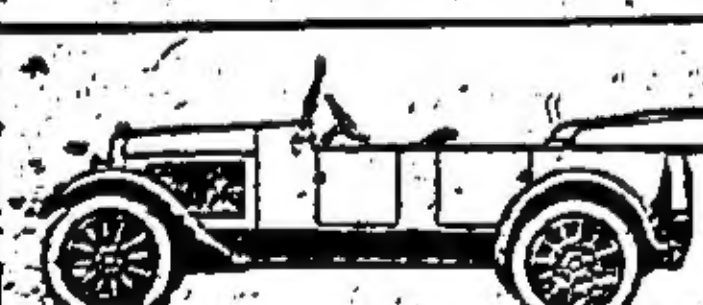
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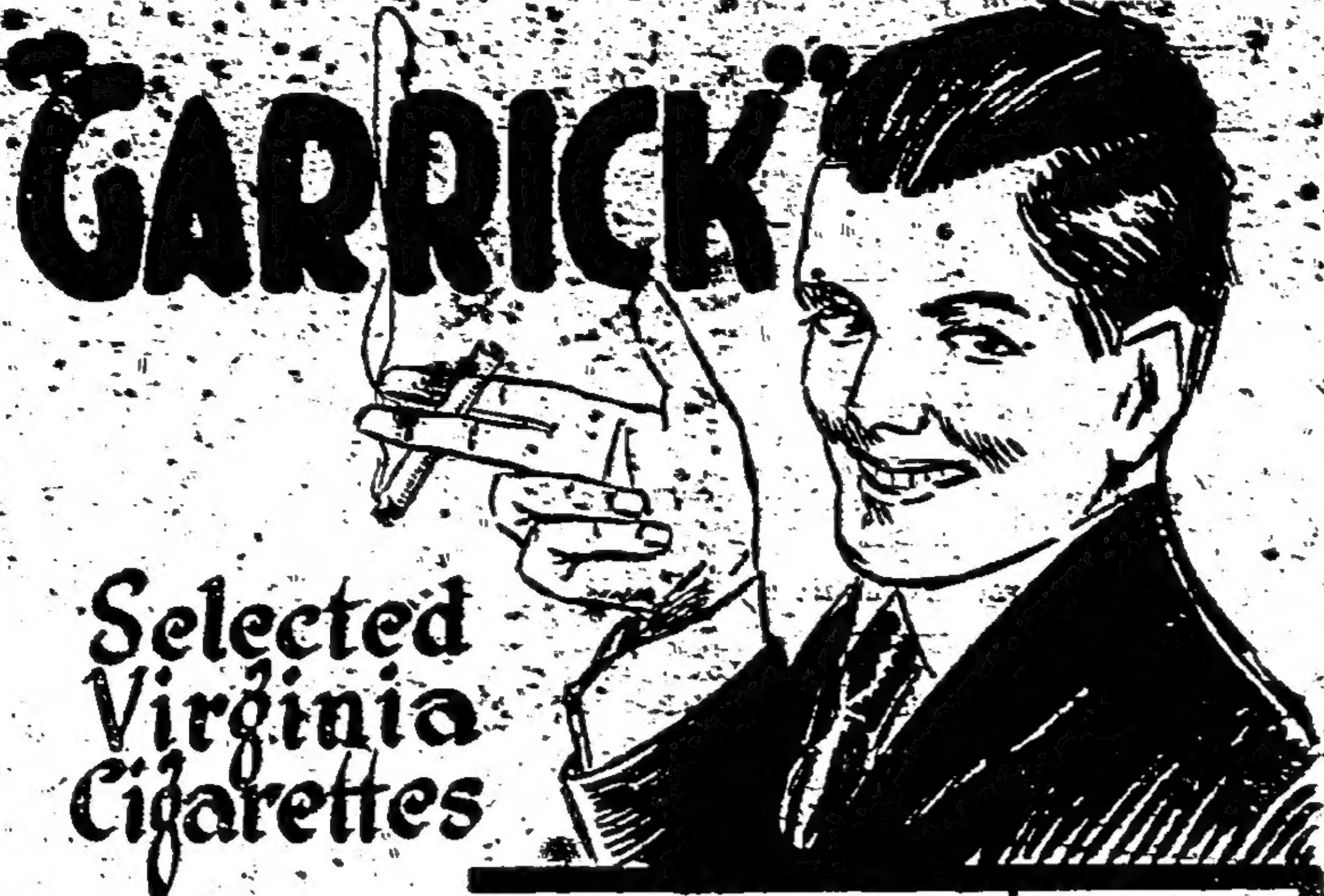
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CHINA AND JAPAN.

A FLEA FOR AMITY.

PERTINENT COMMENT BY A PEKING
JOURNAL.

The N. C. Standard of December 19 writes as follows—China has more to gain from a close friendship with Japan than from the continuance of a policy which has been engineered from a false view-point of the interests of the two countries. Japan has been blamed for the inability of China to secure the return of the former German possessions. But under the circumstances it is hardly possible to see, even at this late hour, how the Chinese people could have thought the Peace Council would have awarded otherwise. Had the claims of Japan not proved paramount, it is questionable whether the Allied Statesmen would have considered the time opportune to hand back to China what she had so willingly conceded to Germany. It cannot be forgotten that she made her hand to the former enemy of the Allies. It was left to Japan, aided by some British troops, to oust Germany from her territory in China. The presence in China, too, of Germany was a source of danger to China as well as to Japan. This once powerful military nation might one day have become to Japan and China a great menace threatening, indeed, their independence. China was to blame for Germany's presence in her land. She undertook no responsibility for getting her out again. Yet when the work had been done without any regard whatever to the cost of the undertaking, she desired to step in and reap where others had sown. It will be stated that Japan promised to hand back Kiaochow to China when she announced her intention of retaking it from Germany. This is the case, and China can have the district back when she is ready to negotiate with Japan on the subject of the transfer. The attitude of the Chinese people in this matter has been inexplicable. It has been unworthy of them. At no time has it been anything but irreconcilable with what ought to have characterized the prospect of negotiations between two countries most alike in colour, aims, and their proximity to each other. Japan's future is not altogether disconnected with China's and vice versa. While to-day there are a number of unwise Chinese men and women who assert that their country must have no friendly dealings with Japan, it is indisputable that if the Orient is to prosper, as we should like to see it, China and Japan have got to work together amicably. Just as France and Great Britain turned their differences in order to safeguard their interests, so the time has come for China and Japan to meet in order to dispel the suspicion

of each other which they entertain. The two nations have got to pull together. How, otherwise, is a satisfactory solution of the racial question to be reached? Is Japan to champion the cause of the yellow race alone, unassisted, without any help whatever from the country which has nearly a quarter of the entire population of the globe as her population? Such a position is intolerable, and the Chinese would be wise, in putting forward this question, to serve the whole of the Orient. The League of Nations is still in its infancy. There are those who think it will not get much further. America's refusal to become a member is distinctly disappointing. What, then, is to be the outcome? The Nations must continue to trust for their security in armaments and Treaties. Viscount Ishii has done nothing more than his duty in reporting to journalists that armaments were increasing. How can it be otherwise when the countries of the world realise that the League of Nations is not dependable? Mankind has not undergone great changes through the terrible afflictions of the last few years. If the League of Nations cannot accomplish what it was established to carry out, then other ways and means have to be adopted for protection to be guaranteed. A powerful army and navy are indispensable to security if the League of Nations becomes impotent. Japan has done the utmost in her power to make that combination the success it ought to have been. She is not anxious to build a gigantic navy nor, indeed, to have to carry the burden entailed by the maintenance of a large army, but the inevitable fact is apparent. Armaments are increasing, and will continue to do so. If the League of Nations fails to obtain the support it requires to make it authoritative, Japan does not contemplate war especially with China, nor does she wish it. Her great desire is to work with her in the closest of co-operation. If the future of Shanghai were left to the League of Nations, that body could do no other than hand it to Japan, for until there is a united China how can any impartial tribunal consider that it would be for the ultimate good of the world that China should be given the administration of a territory that has been successfully controlled while it has been under foreign supervision. Japan has invited China to negotiate with her agent the handing back of the former German region. She will withdraw her troops from there once she has reliable guarantees that China intends to act honestly in the affair. But for Japan to permit herself to be bullied into handing back the district she holds by virtue of the Versailles Treaty, would be an act calculated to lower her prestige in the eyes of the world, as well as to encourage her enemies in China to continue their efforts to foster ill-will between her and China.

A BEWILDERED WORLD.

SIR A. MOND'S VIEWS.

ECONOMIC HISTORY OF THE WAR.

Sir Alfred Mond, First Commissioner of Works, entertained the members of the Local War Records Conference to dinner at the Carlton Hotel, London.

In proposing "The Economic History and War Survey and Co-operation between British and American Historians and Economists," he said that their object was to bring together an international staff of historians to provide the world with a true economic history and survey of the war. They had had a considerable amount of history, of political and military surveys, of autobiography and gossip (laughter) and it was time that the observer and scientific man began to sit down and provide posterity, as nearly as he could, with a true account of what had happened economically in the various countries during the war. The task would not be easy, because there was a tendency in each country to demonstrate to all the others its enormous superiority as financier, administrator, and bureaucrat (laughter) and there would be a competition among those dealing with the subject. The task was rendered more difficult because we were at the beginning rather than the end of the economic history of the war. None of them knew after how many years, if ever, they would reach the final result of this enormous upheaval.

BEWILDERED NAVIGATORS.

They were like bewildered navigators on a raft in a stormy sea, without compass and with very little sail and slight knowledge where they were going, but hoping that some land would turn up on which they could deposit themselves before they were engulfed. They were so busy sticking to the raft that they had very little time for an economic survey (laughter) but the effect of the war on the future economic history of the world must be sweeping. A great many of the illusions of the past had been destroyed. Would the gold standard endure? Were they going back to the bondage of yellow metal or to sail into prosperity on paper? (Laughter.) Was deflation a necessity, or merely a phrase from obsolete official (Renewed laughter.) How would countries go on fighting without industry or credit? And yet in Poland and Russia war had become the only remunerative occupation. (Laughter.) Having devoted some part of his youth to the study of economics these things had come to him as a great shock, but he hoped that the methods views would yet justify themselves, though he confessed that he was growing less sanguine every day.

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MOWBRAY'S NORTHCOLE,
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Hongkong, December 15, 1920.

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EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

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NEW YEAR'S HONOURS.

KNIGHTHOOD FOR MR. N. J. STARR.

The New Year's honours include—

PEKING.
Sir William Beardsmore, Chairman of William Beardsmore & Co., Ltd., Engineers and Ordnance Manufacturers.
Sir Ernest Cable, merchant, Calcutta and London, formerly member of Viceroy's Council.

Sir Horace Brooks Marshall, publisher, ex-Lord Mayor of London.
Mr. Vaughan Davies, M.P., for Cardiganshire, since 1895.
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COMPANIONS OF HONOUR.
The Rev. Dr. John Clifford.
Sir John Ellerman.

BARONETIES.
Lt. General Sir Robert Baden Powell.
Mr. R. H. Cox, senior partner in the firm of Army Bankers.
Commander August Cayser, Chairman of the Clan Line.

KNIGHTHOOD.
Mr. W. P. Rylands, President of the Federation of British Industries.
Mr. Martin Harvey, the actor.
The Colonial Office list includes—
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H.H. the Sultan of Brunei.
Mr. Newton J. Stabb, Chief Manager of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, for services on behalf of British trade in the Far East.

NEW VICE-CHANCELLOR OF HONGKONG UNIVERSITY.
LONDON, December 31st.
Sir William Brynne has accepted the Vice-Chancellorship of Hongkong University.

BY-ELECTION IN WALES.
LONDON, January 1st.
The single by-election created by the Honours List promises to be exciting as a straight fight is anticipated between a Coalition Liberal and an Independent Liberal in a typical Welsh constituency so far represented by Mr. Vaughan Davies. It is expected that Mr. Evans, one of the Prime Minister's private secretaries, will be the Coalitionist, and he will probably be opposed by Mr. Llewelyn Williams, ex-member of Parliament for Carmarthen. Both are Welsh orators. The election may decide the fate of Welsh Liberalism, which has already split.

THE REVENUE RETURNS.
LONDON, January 1st.
The most striking feature of the revenue returns up to December 31st is the decrease of forty-six and a half millions in the Excess Profit Duties and of ten millions in the Customs Duties. The biggest increases are those of nearly fifty-five millions in Excise, twenty millions in the Income and Property taxes, and one hundred and fifty millions in miscellaneous items.

The revenue for the past quarter is \$299,504,230, as compared with \$297,242,905 for the corresponding quarter of 1919. The revenue for the past six months is \$568,503,735, as compared with \$566,317,704 for the corresponding period of 1919.

BRITAIN'S WAR DEBT.
LONDON, January 1st.
It is announced that Lord Chalmers has been selected as the British delegate to negotiate with the United States Treasury the question of refunding Great Britain's war debt, etc.

The Treasury officials anticipate that the discussion will be brief. Interest will probably be fixed on the basis of 5 per cent., but Mr. Houston, Secretary of Treasury, advocates less, saying: "We must deal with the Allies' debts fairly."

UNEMPLOYMENT PROBLEM.
LONDON, January 1st.
The Minister of Labour has written a letter to the Federation of Building Operatives regretting that a definite reply had not been received till December 31st to the Ministry's situation proposals, and hopes that as the matter is urgent a definite and final reply will be received within a fortnight.

The Ministry of Labour announces that over 8,000 persons are working on the new arterial roads in addition to many employed by the local authorities for the maintenance of the main roads and in miscellaneous schemes, while 7,000 are employed in sewers and housing schemes which have been accelerated to meet the present situation.

The Lord St. Davids Committee of Unemployment is sitting continuously, and has already approved a number of relief schemes.

LATER.
It is announced that the Cabinet propose as far as possible to place all Government industrial establishments on short time. The Government have also asked municipal and private employers to act similarly. An appeal is being made to trade unions to co-operate in this endeavour to tide over the period of depression.

INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE.
LONDON, December 31st.
The necessary number of nations, namely, 22, have signed the protocol providing for the establishment of a permanent Court of International Justice: Portugal, Switzerland, Denmark, and San Salvador also signed the protocol for compulsory adjudication.

NEW YEAR PRESIDENTIAL RECEPTION.
WASHINGTON, January 1st.
President Wilson decided to hold the usual New Year's reception despite the acting Secretary of State, Mr. Davis, to take his place.

CLAYTON ACT.
WASHINGTON, December 31st.
President Wilson has vetoed the joint Congressional resolution designed to suspend the provision of the Clayton Act prohibiting carrier concerns having any dealing with other concerns from having an interlocking directorate with a carrier company.

NEW DUTCH CRUISER.
AMSTERDAM, December 31st.
H.M. the Queen launched the new fast Dutch cruiser *Sumatra*, of 7,000 tons, for reconnoitring in Dutch Indian waters.

SILVER FROM MEXICO.
DOUGLAS (Arizona), Dec. 31st.
It is officially reported from Mexico that no export duties on silver sent to the United States are required, while the price at the New York Stock Exchange remains 90 cents, but when it rises above that a sliding export scale will become effective.

DOMINION TRADE.
LONDON, December 31st.
Mr. Peters, the *Times* correspondent at Melbourne, writes that the Federal Government admits that preliminary negotiations for a reciprocal trade agreement have taken place with Canada. The new tariff, which has not yet been sanctioned, provides for reciprocal agreements with the other Dominions.

FRENCH FORTIFICATIONS.
PARIS, December 31st.
A Bill has been introduced into the Chamber providing for the dismantling of a number of French fortifications, including those at Dunkirk, Calais, Brest, Toulon, Belfort and Verdun, on the ground that the fortifications are obsolete.

PARIS, January 1st.
A message from Berlin says the French Government has handed the German Ambassador a Note enumerating Germany's violations of the Spa agreement. The newspapers here declare that this Note does not constitute a final decision, which must be taken by the Allies jointly, and an Allied Conference on the subject is shortly probable.

PARIS, January 1st.
The Generalissimo von Seeckt in the New Year's Order to the Army dwells on the necessity of the army's unshaken devotion and adds: "We will keep the sword sharp, the shield unarmoured, and the new army will rival the old in martial efficiency as an active, living member of the national body."

PARIS, January 1st.
The feud originated at the time of Lord Kenyon's marriage. It was a wartime ceremony and Sir Claude's present to the bridegroom was a white feather wrapped in cotton wool.

Later, the baronet took exception to a portrait of Lord Kenyon in service uniform hung in the Burlington Galleries, and a bitter quarrel followed, which has now resulted in the calling in of seconds.

Dusk was falling when I called at Champion Lodge to hear from Sir Claude, the story of his challenge, but the energetic baronet was still out of doors. He was, in fact, busy felling trees on his estate.

As soon as he heard of my visit he laid down his hatchet by the front door, and came to receive me in a room decorated with many trophies of the chase and relics of his ancestors.

"Two officers of the Household Cavalry are acting as my seconds," he said, "and I am entirely in their hands. They have absolute discretionary powers, and whatever they decide on I am at their service."

"These gentlemen have had a sort of reply from Lord Kenyon, but not one which we can accept."

"I agree that it would be very imprudent to fight a duel in England," he said, "but I find that in several cases juries have acquitted parties where fatalities have occurred."

"However, the best thing to do is to go to the Continent, and if a fatality occurs to surrender oneself to the authorities there. This safeguards one against being arraigned for the offence in this country, while should the trial would be only an opera comique."

"But surely," I suggested, "one would not fight to death. A flesh wound or a minor injury, and honour would be satisfied?"

"That isn't my view," retorted the tough old warrior. "I believe in the duel à l'outrance."

Those who know the baronet, and have studied his records, will realise that there is no idle boast behind these words.

His three-score-years-and-ten have been crowded with strange adventures in almost every part of the globe. Sir Claude has served in Navy and Army, and has acted as a war correspondent in the Sudan.

In 1895 he undertook the job of amateur hangman, assisting the professional, Berry, to hang three men in connection with the Netherby Hall murder.

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

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GERMAN DISARMAMENT.

BERLIN, December 31st.

A deputation of Ruhr coal miners have arrived here in order to secure the speedy disarmament of the Bavarian Kriegerwehr on the ground that the miners do not desire to be exposed to the Allied occupation of the Ruhr area. It is reported that the miners threaten to deprive Bavaria of coal if she is refractory.

LONDON, December 31st.
Germany's willingness as regards the fulfilment of her obligations under the Spa agreement formed the subject of discussion in the Cabinet, yesterday, at which the Ambassador in Berlin, Lord D'Abernon, and Field Marshal Wilson were present.

The Daily Chronicle understands that no decision will be taken until Germany's reply to the latest Allied representations is received.

PARIS, December 31st.
According to a semi-official statement M. Leygues conferred with the British and Italian Ambassadors on the subject of disarmament of Germany. Marshal Foch's report regarding the present state of the military and naval terms of the Peace Treaty has been handed to the Allied Ambassadors. France would probably ask a request for a further conference to settle the question as soon as possible.

BERLIN, December 31st.
The German reply to the Inter-Allied Note of December 25th protesting against the assertion that Germany is infringing the Treaty of Versailles regarding police, and demands "fairer judgment." It claims that the disarmament measures fully comply with the Treaty.

PARIS, December 30th.
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The China Mail.

TRUTH, JUSTICE, PUBLIC SERVICE

HONGKONG, MONDAY, JAN. 3, 1931.

NEW YEAR MUSINGS.

By custom men regard this point in time as a proper season for stocktaking. They balance up the accounts of a twelvemonth completed, and ascertain the amount, if any, of the balance to be "carried forward" into the next. They do this, some of them, with accounts that involve no money, so that we are not solely concerned with the avid reckonings of men like Pepps, nor with ordinary business affairs. Indeed, one might conclude that some take literally the adage which says time is money, and at such a season take stock of time. One year nearer the grave, musing melancholy age, striking what it regards as an adverse balance. A whole new year to spend, laughs hopeful, reckless youth, careless of capital. One more chance, whispers courage, for we might go on cataloguing the innumerable points of view of miscellaneous men, without ever coming to an end—as one comes to the end of a calendar year. Take, for instance, the point of that last year, "You know whom the New Year, as you call it, is an occasion

for almost superstitious observance. Take note that any year you can think of is a calendar year, even those years we read of in company accounts, as the business year or the financial year ending on such-and-such a date. For truly time is money in the sense that you may have change for a year as one may have change for a ten dollar note. The "China New Year" suggests a dual currency, such as Shanghai recognizes, and the parity of exchange may be computed, we believe. "There is no such coin as a tail" they sometimes tell us; and we are now tempted to retort that there is no such thing as a year, either old or new. How names and words and phrases—by analogy an inflated paper currency—do bamboozle and blind us to facts and things. We ourselves, pretending to clearer intellectual perceptions than you—the only excuse for such essays—as these—have used somewhere in the foregoing the phrase "this point in time," as if time were a real thing, an entity. Yet we have denied that a year is a part of an entity. Let us confess frankly that we share the sentimental regard for such turning points and such arbitrary occasions for good resolutions, for new resolves. As the Chinese are said to be keen on their annual settling day to begin quite afresh, and free of debt, so are we in other than money matters. It is a human sentiment. Our temper has been ruffled by the fact that circumstances have prevented us from enjoying this rite of starting a new year. We carry from 1930 into 1931 what is colloquially called "a beastly cold," and it does not seem right that such a conspicuous and publicly honored interruption in time should not also have somehow interrupted our coughing.

"Coughing" was the word we wanted here, on the analogy of "laughter," but the lexicographer seems to have overlooked it.

However, this frankness on our part, which we hope you will not regard as a gratuitous obscuration of personality, makes clear for you why we do not write our New Year musings in harmony with the boisterous spirit, why, on the other hand, we figure as the skeleton at the feast, and thrust upon you the hideous bare bones of this nonsensical notion of time as a thing. Apart from matter and its movements, we could have no consciousness of time. Time is a shorthand word for sequence of phenomena. You may retort, if you like, that you have just been celebrating, in proper form and ceremony, the beginning of a new sequence of phenomena; but what then of our coughing? We shall sneer unkindly, and remind you that there is nothing new under the sun; that the phenomena of any one year closely resemble the phenomena of any other year, and that we have the files of 73 complete annual volumes of the China Mail to prove it; that if you expect 1931 to be in any real way different from 1930, you will be disappointed.

Is this sour and unwholesome? Not at all. Although we admit that there is no harm in your New Year celebrations, we maintain that there is harm in allowing mistaken ideas of "winks like Time, Space, Motion, Consciousness, and Life to abide unchallenged. These are not realities, but states of matter; they are names that have been drawn like opaque blinds over the windows of intellectual conception, and have aborted Truth.

(With the reader who retorts that Truth also is a mere name, we will not now argue. We have a bad cold. Boy! Where's that eucalyptus?)

By no means is the attitude of this essay to be mistaken for pessimistic. It is, if anything, unduly optimistic. Environment is eternal (timeless) and omnipotent. Is it not remarkably optimistic to hope that men will be brought to recognize this, to work for a better environment and to shun the worse?

However you feel after your present moral stocktaking, we defy you to feel more cheerful than are we, even with our new year continuation of last year's bad cold. "A contented mind is a blessing kind." Contentment does not mean being resigned to your lot; it means complete appreciation of it. Has anybody ever before pointed out to you, or have you discovered for yourself, the immense significance of that adjective? There are two meanings to that colloquial of letters. There is the ordinary meaning of contentment or satisfaction, and there is the other meaning of contents or capacity. This compels the reflection that a mind to be contented must have contents. It must contain something. Whatever you have determined to do in 1931, do not neglect to acquire full minds, the broader the better. If as regards money your stocktaking have been encouraging, that is well. Let us not depreciate money, although (with this beastly cold) we are in the mood to prefer health. But it is possible to be wealthy and yet a pauper or very poor. He was a truly rich Frenchman who was able to sing:

Je suis pauvre, très pauvre, et vis pourtant fort bien.
C'est parce que je vis comme les gens de bien.

There can be none so truly poor, or so verily a propertyless slave, as the man who spends his year in keeping up appearances, doing his buying in fulsome respect for the usages of the society about him. A reasonable deference to the prejudices of society is a compromise proper in any philosopher; but man is as regards ultimate things living in loneliness, and should be true to himself if he would not be false to all. Shabby clothes will keep you warm and a well-fed mind will keep you as happy as it is possible to be. Fashionable clothes and a starved mind are the attributes of a creature we pity profoundly. Second-hand clothes and second-hand furniture are symptoms of poverty in the eyes of society, which is, however, in no wise shocked by second-hand thoughts, by ready-made prejudices, or by reach-me-down ideas and views of life. The professional stocktaker at this season usually explains life to you, in the way it was explained to him. Now, in 1931, why not see for yourself? Begin to live. Instead of bewailing the shortness of life, get out of it all that is in it. You know that last year you spent in copying some other life or lives. That was hardly to be called living, was it? It is true that an echo is a noise, but it is not the noise. A picture may be catalogued as a good seascape, but it is not the multitudinous sea. An animal may wear trousers properly carried, and yet not be a man. Here, friends, all is your New Year. The mere date on your desk block does not make it new, but you yourself can. Make Time is only our handy name for sequence of phenomena. It follows that there must be a new man to have a new year. Pardon, if necessary, these premisses, and accept them as evidence of our best wishes for you and yours in Nineteen-thirty-one.

LOCAL AND GENERAL

Mr. J. W. Franks is appointed

Supt. of Prisons.

Mr. T. M. Hester is appointed

Assistant Crown Solicitor.

A meeting of the Sanitary Board

is to be held to-morrow at 4.15 p.m.

Mr. G. H. Wakeman is back, and

has resumed duty as Crown Solicitor.

Mr. J. D. Lloyd is appointed

Acting Deputy to the Official Receiver.

The "Tenyo Maru" left Manila

yesterday and is due here to-morrow at 11 a.m.

Dr. E. Law of 13, Old Bailey has

been added to the register of medical practitioners.

The Registrar of Trademarks

has issued two for a German firm of Hoechst am Main.

Crown land at the rear of the

new Harbour Office buildings is

gazetted for lease by tender.

Mr. H. A. Nisbet is to act as

official Receiver and Registrar of Trade Marks, in addition to his other duties.

The report of an armed robbery

in Kowloon City in the small hours of Friday morning, was found by the police to be a false alarm.

The annual ball of the Staff of

the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co., is to be held at the Kowloon Docks on Friday, January 14, at 8.45 p.m.

Among the passengers who left

for home by the P. & O. liner "Sicilia" on Saturday were Mr. A. G. M. Fletcher, O.B.E., and Mr. E. R. Halliday, O.B.E.

His many friends in Hongkong

will be interested to hear that Dr. Lander, who resigned the Bishopric of Victoria last June, has accepted the living of Lyonsdown, New Barnet, Herts.

Amongst the passengers who

arrived by the "Empress of Japan" were Dr. McKenny, Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Wakeman, Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Rouse, Mr. J. W. Franks, and Mr. and Mrs. R. A. C. North.

On Dec. 30 the maintenance

staff of the Kwangtung section of the Canton-Hankow railway went

on strike for four months' arrears of pay. It seems the strike was

brought about by a sudden decision to reduce the staff by seventy per cent.

Leaving over the verandah rails

of the second floor of a house in Eastern Street, West Point, in order to hang out some clothes, a 14-year old Chinese girl overbalanced and

fell into the street below. She was unconscious when picked up and taken to hospital where she now lies in a serious condition.

A Chinese emigrant named John

Lee who recently returned from America, was yesterday arrested on the Kowloon wharf for the unlawful possession of a quantity of ammunition, and allowed out on police bail of \$25. When his case was called this morning, Lee failed to appear, and the Magistrate ordered his bail.

The ammunition was confiscated.

Among the many New Year's

evening celebrations was an enjoyable fancy dress dance at C.R.C. Prizes (presented by Messrs Wong Kam Ying and Ng See Kwong) were given for the best costumes and were won by Miss M. Mooney (Gypsy) and Mr. A. J. Kew (Amah), Miss Wong, daughter of the President of the Club (Mr. J. M. Wong) presented the prizes.

After hearing the evidence, Magistrate Orme this morning imposed a fine of \$2 on a Chinese who was charged with striking a woman on the head with the flat of a chopper thereby causing slight injury. When charged, the defendant said that the complainant struck him first, giving him three blows on the head and one on the side before he hit back. He did not strike her with the chopper as alleged.

The year past has seen the commencement of the erection of the memorial in the compound of St. John's Cathedral to those Hongkong men who fell in the War. The erections which Mrs. Bowdler has promised has not yet been erected, owing to the difficulty of getting suitable plans, but the design was agreed upon several months ago and Church Notes hopes the erections will be in position some time this year.

On New Year Day, the Military Government officials of Canton took their formal oath of office as follows:

"I solemnly declare on oath that I shall perform the duties of my office with strict fidelity, observing in letter and spirit the laws of the nation, and will resist all temptations to receive money in the nature of bribes or through corrupt practices. I swear in the name of Heaven that I will not violate the oath I have solemnly made."

THE K.C.C.

CHILDREN'S GALA DAY.

ENJOYABLE SPORTS MEETING.

Thanks to the generosity of the members of the K.C.C., New Year's Day was a Gala Day for the children of Kowloon, hundreds of whom assembled on the Club ground to take part in a long and varied programme of sports. That this annual function was much appreciated by the young folks, was evidenced by the record number present. Everything that could gladden the young hearts was provided. The decorations which included a profusion of flags and bunting presented a fine scene. H.E. the Governor and Lady Stubbs were early present to witness the various events, all of which were keenly contested. The Band of the Wiltshire Regiment enlivened the proceedings with a fine programme of music. Every child, whether he or she won a race or not, was happy for those who were not successful in any of the racing events, found solace in the bran tub, the skittles and the humpy dumpy. Tea and cakes were served on the lawn during the afternoon.

Lady Stubbs presented the prizes to the successful competitors at the close of the afternoon's sport.

Dr. C. Forsyth, President, voiced the Club's welcome to His Excellency and Lady Stubbs. He said the sports started from a very small beginning 12 or 14 years ago with a few children of the members, including himself, but they had gradually expanded and the large gathering present spoke eloquently of the increase of the population. Many of the members had since become married men and some of their children were among the prize winners. From a modest beginning the sports had become such a popular and big annual event that the question of finance had to be considered in running them. At one time it was suggested that they enlist the assistance of the Hongkong people, but the members had got together and had since conducted the sports at their own expense. He thanked the prize-givers, the various sports committees and the ladies who took charge of the tea (Applause).

Lady Stubbs then gave away the prizes, and at the conclusion was presented with a beautiful bouquet in a silver vase by Miss Winnie Lawson.

Dr. Forsyth: "I will not detain you any longer seeing so many anxious mothers looking at their watches." He then called for three cheers and a "tiger" which were cordially responded to.

H.E. Excellency said Dr. Forsyth had given excellent advice. He therefore took the opportunity of wishing all, on behalf of his wife and himself, a most happy New Year. (Applause).

A long string of crackers was fired as His Excellency and Lady Stubbs left the Club.

The following were the results:

Potato race (ages 10 to 12): 1. D. Stevens; 2. R. Wickett; 3. J. Lister. Boot race (ages under 12): 1. J. Clarke; 2. R. Wickett; 3. P. White. Obstacle race (ages 12 to 14): 1. P. White; 2. W. Urquhart; 3. John Murphy.

Relay race (teams of four): 1. W. Urquhart, J. Murphy, M. Weill and W. Matchin. Flat race (ages 6 to 8): 1. S. McNider; 2. J. McCubbin; 3. R. Woolley. Sack race (ages under 14): 1. G. Bond; 2. W. Matchin; 3. C. Hammes.

Tug of war (teams of eight): 1. L. Perne, W. Matchin, M. Weill, P. White, P. Murphy, R. Parsons, W. Urquhart and E. Hammes.

Flat race (ages 4 to 6): 1. M. Weill; 2. J. Smith; 3. E. McCubbin. Bowls contest (ages 10 to 14): 1. H. Perne; 2. Davidson; 3. D. Ellis. Flat race (ages 8 to 10): 1. G. Dalziel; 2. D. Fogg; 3. S. McNider. Wheelbarrow race (ages under 14): 1. J. Clarke and R. Parsons; 2. T. Neave and W. Urquhart; 3. J. Murphy and C. Hammes.

Girls. Shipping contest (ages under 14): 1. D. Lyons; 2. M. George; 3. Edith Booth. Flat race (ages 6 to 8): 1. Sheila Jeffries; 2. Marion Bryson; 3. Evelyn Ritchie.

Shipping competition (ages under 9): 1. Sheila Jeffries; 2. Marion Bryson; 3. Edith Booth. Flat race (ages under 5): 1. Ella Ritchie; 2. E. Carroll; 3. E. Tully. Potato race (ages 10 to 14): 1. A. Stevens; 2. Dolly Lyons; 3. Nora Fife.

Shipping competition (ages 10 to 12): 1. Winnie Lawson; 2. Nora Barden; 3. J. McGregor. Flat race (ages under 14): 1. G. McNider; 2. Doris Pantheon; 3. P. Woolley.

Musical chairs (ages 8 to 12): 1. G. McNider; 2. D. Stewart; 3. P. Woolley. Egg and spoon race (ages under 14): 1. Nora Fife; 2. P. Newton; 3. S. Blyth.

Flat race (ages 8 to 10): 1. P. Newton; 2. D. Harpo; 3. J. Dalziel. Relay race (teams of four): 1. A. Stevens; 2. J. M. Borden and M. George; 2. J. McGregor; 3. P. Urquhart, K. Shimmings and W. Stewart.

MAJOR-GENERAL VENTRIS.

DEPARTURE FOR ENGLAND.

LONG RECORD OF SERVICE.

Major-General Francis Ventris, C.B., who for the last five and one-half years has commanded the British Troops in China, left the Colony on Saturday, sailing on the P. & O. "Sicilia."

Major-General Ventris, who now goes on retirement, has had a long and distinguished military career, not the least of which was his service in Hongkong, where his ripe experience, his sound judgment, and his tact enabled him to deal effectively with the many difficult questions that arose during an anxious period. He was close upon 65 years of age, and his advancing years caused him to shun great social activity; nevertheless, he had many friends who contemplated his departure with deep regret. He entered the Army in 1875. He served in the Nile Expedition 1884-85; was mentioned in despatches, became Brevet Lieutenant-Colonel, received the medal with clasp and the Khedive's Star. In 1888-89 he was with the Egyptian Field Force as R.A.A. and Q.M.G., Intelligence Department. He was A.A.G. India, 1895-97. Brigadier-General Bombay, 1897-1902, and Major-General North China, 1903-6. He retired in 1905, but on the outbreak of the war was given the command of a new Army Division in England and later sent to Hongkong as General Officer Commanding the Troops in China.

His departure on Saturday being private, there was no military display, but many friends were down to see him off.

FUEL ECONOMY AT SEA.

MOTOR SHIPS TO SAVE COAL.

CONVERTING STEAMERS TO MOTOR VESSELS.

It is not surprising to learn, in view of the present coal situation, that many shipowners are considering the conversion of their steamers to motor vessels, which will not only render them independent of coal supplies, but will effect enormous economies. It is opportune that in the November issue of *The Motor Ship* a complete description is given of a tramp steamer which has just been converted to motor power by the installation of a Diesel engine. This vessel, known as the "Augusta," is of the ordinary tramp type, and before her conversion had a deadweight carrying capacity of 5,000 tons, which was increased by 300 tons after the oil engine had been installed, due to the lower weight and smaller space occupied.

The difference in fuel consumption is remarkable. As a steamer she consumed 18 to 20 tons of coal per day, whereas she now burns only four tons of oil every 24 hours. Moreover, the engine room staff has been reduced from 13 to 8 men.

The issue of *The Motor Ship* also contains a complete description of the first of six motor ships for the Pacific Steam Navigation Co. The machinery of this vessel has considerable technical interest, in view of the fact that the reversing gear of the Diesel engines is electrically operated instead of by compressed air in the usual manner. The object of this is to economize the compressed air supply.

ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL.

WHITE ANTS AT WORK.

ARCHITECTS' UNPLEASANT DISCOVERY.

St. John's Cathedral Hall will probably be finished some time in January, but it is not certain exactly how soon it will be ready for opening. St. John's Cathedral Church Notes, which hopes to announce the date shortly, says that it looks very much as if the new hall will have to be used for services for a time as reports from the architects, Messrs Leigh and Orange, give the unpleasant information that there are white ants in the roof of the Cathedral and also in the flooring. It is hoped that the discovery of these unwelcome attendants at Church may have taken place before they have done very much damage, as it will be a very grave inconvenience if the Cathedral has to be closed for any length of time and the expense is likely to be considerable.

It is the source of their report on the roof timbers of the Cathedral the architects express the opinion that the safest way to ensure safety would be entirely to strip the roof piling which would then enable thorough inspections to all the wood work. This would be a more satisfactory and a cheaper method than internal inspection from the large amount of scaffolding which would be required. The floors to the tower are in a condition bordering on dangerous. They consider these should be replaced with reinforced concrete floors.

CORRESPONDENCE.

FOR SERVICE WITH HONORS.

[To the Editor of the "China Mail"]

Sir—Several hundred men of both Services are proceeding home shortly on s.s. "Bremer"—may we appeal to your readers for gifts of suitable games and literature for their use during the voyage. The people of Hongkong are always generous in this respect, and we are confident that this appeal will meet with the usual ready response. Contributions may be sent to either of the undersigned.

Yours faithfully,

H. S. CROFT-Ross,

Senior Naval Chaplain, China Squadron.

(Royal Naval Yard)

M. W. SHAWELL,

Chaplain to the Forces.

(Headquarters, China Command),

Hongkong, 31st December 1930.

SHARE MARKET.

WEEKLY REPORT.

LITTLE BUSINESS DURING HOLIDAYS.

Messrs. Mooson and Taylor reported on Thursday December 30:

There has been very little business doing owing to the holidays, and in fact our market has only been open for three and a half days during the week.

The Rubber market continues featureless.

In Shanghai the market has been very quiet with practically nothing doing.

Hongkong Banks.—Are nominal at \$770.

Canton Insurance.—Are steady with buyers at \$370.

Union Insurance.—Are wanted at \$268.

Wharves.—Are steady at \$92.

Hongkong Docks.—Are in good demand at \$162.

Deferred Indos.—London Register shares are quoted at \$31 and Hongkong Register shares are nominal at \$150.

China Sugars.—Are firmer with buyers at \$212.

Douglases.—Have buyers at \$63.

Steamboats.—Are on offer at \$24 with buyers at \$24.

Hongkong Trams.—Are firm at \$4.

Hongkong Electric.—Have been done at \$134.

Powells.—Are in demand at \$20.

London Quotations of 29th inst. —

Shells \$6. Anglo-Egyptian "B" \$2.15, and Hongkong Banks \$110.

Chinese Engineering & Mining Co., Ltd.—This Company has declared a final dividend of 4s. per share and a bonus of two shares for every five held.

Exchange.—The demand selling rate on London is 3/23/16 and the T.T. selling on Shanghai is 75.

ST. GEORGE'S HALL, 1931.

DANCE PROGRAMME.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR THURSDAY.

For the convenience of guests at the Annual Ball of the St. George's Society on Thursday, next, January 6, it is announced that the rendezvous for the dancers in St. George's Hall will be known by three red lights in St. Andrew's Hall, by a similar number of blue lights, and in the Music Room three green lights will prove the means of finding partners. The following is the programme of dances:—Extra Waltz (Beautiful Ohio); 1. Lancers 6 Veronique; 2. One Step (Oh Helen); 3. Fox Trot (Whispering); 4. Waltz (Oh What a Pal was Mary); 5. Barn Dance (Arcadian); 6. One Step (Taxi); 7. Fox Trot (Venetian Moon); 8. Waltz (Missouri); 9. One Step (Hongkong); 10. Fox Trot (Vamp); 11. One Step (Cairo); 12. Fox Trot (Rose Room); Nos. 9-12 (Sapper Dances); 13. Lancers (Orchid); 14. Waltz (Destiny); 15. One Step (Oh by Jingo!); 16. Fox Trot (Dardanelle); 17. Waltz (The Choristers); 18. One Step (Sand Dunes); 19. Fox Trot (So Long O Long); 20. Sir Roger de Coverley; Second Extra, One Step (Wild, wild women); Third Extra, Fox Trot (Indianola).

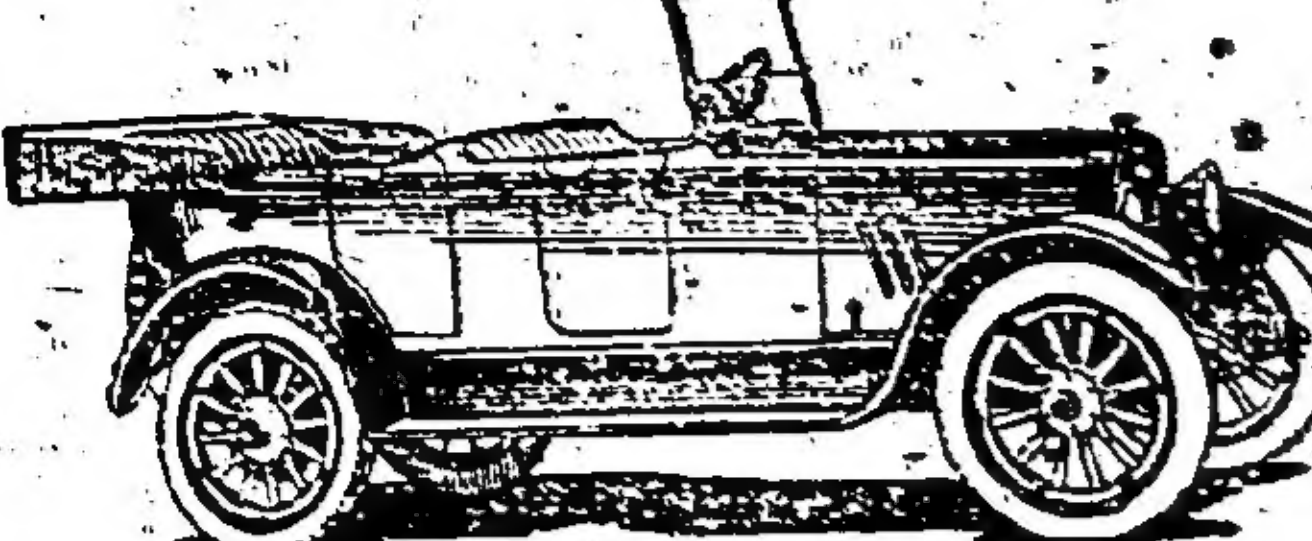
The Bands of H.M.S. "Hawkins" and the 2nd Wiltshire Regiment will provide the music, and late Peak Trams and Ferries will run at 1.30 a.m., 2 a.m. and 2.30 a.m.

Hans Becker, a Norwegian, and George Lupton, an Englishman, both unemployed seamen, were this morning charged before Magistrate Smith with being vagrants. Both defendants said that they had been very unfortunate in being unable to find work, and asked to be sent to the House of Detention, as they had no money, and would be compelled to beg if they were left to shift for themselves. The Magistrate complied with their request.

MERCURY MOTOR CAR

CO.

59-61 Des Voeux Road Central, HONGKONG.



SOLE ADDRESS: "MERCURY" HONGKONG. CHINA. 100, QUEEN'S ROAD, HONGKONG. 100, QUEEN'S ROAD, HONGKONG. 100, QUEEN'S ROAD, HONGKONG.

IN THE WEB SMA' HOURS.

MAN UNDER THE TABLE.

A NEW YEAR'S EVE INCIDENT.

Some amusement was caused in Court this morning when Wong Wing-chun was charged before Magistrate Orme with entering No. 38, Morrison Hill Road, occupied by Mr. Ferdinand Dubois, in the small hours of the morning of January 1, with intent to commit a felony.

When charged, the accused said that he did not speak Cantonese. He spoke French. Sergeant Kelly: He knows Cantonese all right.

The Magistrate: Of course he does, but he wants a chance to air his French, don't you see? (Laughter). The Magistrate then charged the accused in French, and the latter readily pleaded "not guilty."

The Magistrate: He speaks French all right. He knows the language better than I do! (Laughter).

The Interpreter made another attempt to make the accused speak Cantonese, but met with: "I no understand Chinese. I speak French and English. No speak Chinese."

The Magistrate: He insists in keeping his French up! (Laughter). Sergeant Kelly: One of the new constables speaks French.

The Magistrate: Never mind. He understands the charge.

Mr. Dubois, in the witness box, deposed that he had a party in his house on the night of the 31st to "usher in the New Year." While he and some friends were sitting round a table about 3.30 a.m., on New Year's Day, one of the party felt something move under the table, and the accused was found crouching underneath. Accused had been witness's houseboy but had been dismissed some two months ago. The accused did not speak French too well. He certainly spoke Cantonese. Apparently the accused had been in the room a long time and when disturbed by the party entering the room, had taken cover under the table. Nothing was missing from the room.

The Magistrate raised the question as to how the accused gained admittance to the house.

Mr. Dubois said that after the accused's had been arrested, his houseboy found a duplicate of the front door key on the floor near the spot where the accused was crouching.

The Magistrate (to the accused): You can now question this witness either in French or English.

The accused did not take advantage of the invitation.

Replying to the Magistrate, Mr. Dubois said that the accused might have come to the house to sleep.

The Magistrate: It is an important question. I must go into it. He may have gone to the house for Auld Lang Syne as it was New Year's Day! (Laughter.) I have to judge from the circumstances of the case if there was any felonious intent.

Mr. Dubois: I don't think there was any felonious intent. I had employed him for over two and a half years, and had always found him honest, but very lazy. I dismissed him for laziness.

The Magistrate: He is a curious character.

The case was adjourned until tomorrow morning in order that the houseboy can be produced to give evidence about the discovery of the duplicate key.

NEW YEAR'S EVE BLAZE.

KOWLOON HOUSE GUTTED.

RAT UPSETS OIL LAMP.

A rat upsetting an oil lamp is thought to have been the cause of a fire which broke out about 8 p.m., on Friday, in No. 107, Upper Shapoo Street, on the mainland.

The Kowloon Brigade turned out under Mr. King, but the flames, fanned by the breeze, had spread so rapidly, that it was impossible to save the house which was eventually completely gutted. The fire fighters, however, were successful in saving the neighbouring houses after a strenuous fight.

Damage was done to property to the extent of \$300. The premises which were used as a dwelling, were not insured.

DO YOU COUGH?

DON'T let the fine membrane of your throat in trying to dislodge the phlegm. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy will soothe the throat and cure the cough that is causing it. For sale by all Chemists and Storekeepers.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

A Chinese from Shaukiwan was admitted to the Government Civil Hospital on Saturday, suffering from injuries to his ribs alleged to have been received in the course of a fight on board a waterboat. His condition is not serious.

Renter's agency in Shanghai issues with all reserve the following item issued by wireless from Nansen and picked up in Shanghai:—The condition of the German ex-Empress during the last few days has become worse, and her end may be expected hourly. The physicians may, however, be able to avert death for some days or even weeks. Meanwhile the ex-Empress has bidden farewell to all her children.

A spurious ten cent piece, which Inspector Willis admitted he would have accepted himself had it been tendered to him, so clever was the imitation, cost a Chinese six weeks' hard labour when convicted by Magistrate Orme this morning of having attempted to utter a counterfeit coin at West Point. According to Inspector Willis, swindling of this description was very prevalent at West Point just now, but the offenders were usually known when caught, as they kept the good and bad coins in separate pockets.

The monument at Tsingtau—if the flank of a hill can be so called—whereon the Germans carved the record of their acquisition of the concession, alongside which the Japanese carved another inscription setting forth the fact of the capture of Tsingtau, is to be blasted out of the hillside and brought to Japan, for installation in the Military Museum at Kandan Hill, Tokyo. The reason given for this action is that the inscription causes feelings of bitterness among the Chinese and that its removal will pave the way to better relations. But perhaps if it remained where it is, with yet another inscription in Chinese recording the date of the restoration to China, according to the terms of the ultimatum to Germany in August 1914, that would take away the Chinese bitterness even more effectively, comments the *Japan Chronicle*.

MURDER OR ECONOMY?

AN UNWANTED CORPSE.

LOCAL POLICE PUZZLED.

Mystery shrouds the discovery on Sunday, by the police, of the body of an unknown Chinese woman, aged about 35 years, lying on the path between Upper and Lower Albert Road, near the Government Offices.

The body which was fully dressed, bore no exterior marks of violence, with the exception of a red patch on the neck and part of one cheek. The cause of death is not known. While murder is not improbable, the police are of the opinion that the woman died of natural causes and was dumped to save funeral expenses. From the dusty condition of the clothing, it appears that the body had been dragged along the road a good distance.

WEST RIVER STEAMERS.

SEARCH ATTEMPTED.

CAPTAIN'S SUCCESSFUL PROTEST.

WUCHOW, January 1.

The regulations issued by the Kwangsi provincial authorities regarding the searching of ships arriving at Wuchow (recently published in the *China Mail*) were put into force on December 26. The "Taiming," the first British steamer to call at Wuchow after the 26th, was boarded by a representative of the authorities. The Captain of the "Taiming" protested—as his vessel was not armed and threatened to report the matter to his Government, whereupon the examiner returned to his ship and the "Taiming" proceeded without further molestation. Nothing more has been heard of the matter. The "Kochow" entered the port on December 31 without being stopped, but the same day the Chinese "Kokming" was detained under search for three hours.

CHAMBERLAIN'S TABLETS.

THESE Tablets are intended especially for disorders of the stomach, liver and bowels. If you are troubled with indigestion, constipation or diarrhoea, they will do you good. For sale by all Chemists and Storekeepers.

SOCIAL DISEASES.

COMMISSION'S TASK IN HONGKONG.

LECTURES WITH CINEMA FILMS.

Meetings will be held during this week by the members of the Eastern Commission of the British National Council for Combating Venereal Diseases, who arrived in Hongkong some days ago, for the purpose of discussing with doctors, nurses, chemists, parents, and others the best methods of dealing with the problem.

The members of the commission are Mrs. Neville Rolfe and Dr. Rupert Hallam. As a first step they will get in touch with the Government agencies having to do with the maintenance of the public health, and with their co-operation endeavour to have a local commission appointed to inquire into the prevalence of social diseases. They will urge the abolition of houses of ill-fame, and encourage the provision of free medical treatment for all sufferers from such diseases.

A series of lectures, illustrated by cinema films, will be given at the office of the Sanitary Board to-day, and on January 5, 7, and 10, at 6 p.m., invitations to which have been circulated by the Director of Education. Mrs. Rolfe, the Educational Commissioner of the Commission, has been asked by the Headmaster of the Kowloon British School to address a meeting of parents in the schoolroom on Thursday at 6 p.m.

KICKED IN THE STOMACH.

\$5 COMPENSATION.

RICKSHA COOLIE PROSECUTES FARE.

Five dollars was the compensation obtained by a ricksha coolie for a kick in the stomach when he summoned a Chinese before Magistrate Smith this morning for assault.

The complainant said that yesterday the defendant and another man engaged two rishas at the Star Ferry wharf and drove to a boarding house near the Sun Co. On arrival at their destination, the defendant tendered 15 cents for the two vehicles. Witness remonstrated with him, whereupon the defendant kicked him in the stomach.

The police said that when the complainant was brought to the station he was in a state of collapse. Fearing that it was a case of ruptured spleen, the defendant was detained and the complainant was sent to the hospital. The doctor had since certified that while the complainant sustained no internal injuries, the stomach was badly bruised, and the kick was one which could have caused serious damage.

The Magistrate imposed a fine of \$10, half of which was to go to the complainant as compensation.

FIVE MEN ON A RAFT.

CAUGHT IN A SQUALL.

RESCUED BY PASSING STEAMER.

Rescued from a raft some miles off Singapore, five Chinese, members of the crew of a fishing boat wrecked in a squall, were taken to the Central Police Station on the arrival of the s.s. "Kotsu Maru" here on Sunday.

According to the men, they were caught in a squall, and their fishing boat was wrecked a few hours after they had put out of Singapore harbour on a fishing expedition. They drifted for several hours before they were sighted and rescued by the "Kotsu Maru."

Arrangements are being made to send the shipwrecked men back to Singapore, where they have their families.

NEW BOARDING OFFICER.

IS THERE A KICK HERE?

The shipping folk are saying that the Harbour Master has appointed as Boarding Officer, a man who was a Kowloon Sanitary Inspector, and that "the Ordinance" (unspecified) says such posts must be held only by certificated officers.

It is like looking for a needle in a haystack to look through the ordinances with no better clue than that. Who can tell us more about this?

STRAIGHT-AT-IT.

THERE is no use of our "beating around the bush." We might as well cut with it first at last. We want you to try Chamberlain's Cough Remedy the next time you have a cough or cold. There is no reason so far as we can see why you should not do so. This preparation by the venerable, nurse has gained a world-wide reputation, and people everywhere are of the opinion that it is the best remedy for all the ailments of the throat and lungs.

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THE REST DEFEAT BRITISH ISLES.

A large gathering witnessed a very fast and exciting Charity Football match on the Club ground on Saturday evening, when the Clubs in the Second Division of the Hongkong Football League combined to field two strong teams representing the British Isles and the Rest. The stand was full, and a good sum was collected. The teams, with the exception of Mason who turned out for Scouler of the Staffs, were the same as previously announced.

Loosing the toss, the Rest kicked off against the sun, and were soon near the Isles citadel, where Mason was forced to concede a corner to save the situation. Omar played the ball beautifully, but before any of the attackers could get to it, Blake cleared with a hefty kick to mid-field, where his forwards were placed in possession. They did not waste much time in visiting the other end of the field. Here Bath had a good chance, but shot wide. The kick-in saw Rahmin in possession. Racing down the line at a terrific pace, he sent in a wide. The Rest continued to press, and after missing several good openings Omar got possession close in. Tricking Marison very smartly, he sent in a cross shot which just beat McLeod. Thus the Rest assumed the lead after five minutes' play. From the centre, the Isles got away, and combining effectively, were soon dangerous. Bath was tackled by Hyndman and immediately passed to Lees who was unmarked. He took a first time shot which missed the net by a couple of inches. The kick-in did not send the ball too far up the field, and the Isles were immediately back in the danger zone where Fok Bing-yick had to concede a corner. This kick was well placed and Ireland took a shot which resulted in the ball going straight into the hands of Silva who cleared without difficulty. The ball was returned, and he turned it round the post for a corner. Goff again placed well, but Hyndman cleared. With the Rest's next attack, the Isles were given a free kick against Ogley for off side. This kick placed Bath in possession. Not wasting any time, he shot low and made the scores level. Half time came a few minutes later.

On resuming, the Rest got away, and E.E. Hyndman ended up a brilliant piece of combined play by shooting wide. From the goal kick May went away and passed to Goff who ran strongly down the wing, to be robbed by Fok. The Rest then kept the ball in the Isles territory for a long spell showering in shots from all angles, but they did not find the net. A goal kick relieved the pressure and the Isles went away. Lees got well in and looked like scoring, but Fok, playing with determination tackled him, giving a corner from which nothing resulted. Playing with determination at this juncture, the Isles gave the Rest defence a lot to do. Silver was kept very busy, but stood the ordeal well. One shot from May was very dangerous. Silver stopped it, but could not retain the ball, and it was about to enter the net when with great presence of mind he turned it round the post for a corner, which yielded nothing. The Rest then went to the other end of the field and bombarded McLeod. A kick from Hyndman was very feebly dealt with by the goalie. In his eagerness to save the situation, one of the defenders handled in the penalty area. The crowd was so thick in front of goal that the referee did not notice this. The Rest did not wait to protest, but pouncing again on the ball, Hyndman enticed McLeod to come out of the goal. The excitement was keen when McLeod tumbled and fell. Before anyone could do anything, Hyndman

passed to Soo, who banged the ball into an empty goal. Immediately after the ball was kicked off from the centre line, Mr. Wells sounded the final whistle. The Rest thus snatched a win at the last moment by the odd goal in three. The teams lined up as follows:—
British Isles: McLeod (Oilers); Marison (Oilers); Mason (Kowloon); Blake (United); Ireland (Club); Charleworth (Cardale); May (United); Goff (Cardale); Bath (Oilers); Lees (Punjab); Jones (Oilers).
The Rest: Mario Silva (St. Joseph's); Fok Bing Yung (S.C.A.); E. P. Hyndman (St. Joseph's); Hyder (Indians); Sepher (St. Joseph's); Xavier (Recreio); Omar (St. Joseph's); E. R. Hyndman (St. Joseph's); Ogley (St. Joseph's); So Chung Ming (S.C.A.); Rahmin (St. Joseph's).

HOLIDAY CRICKET.

HONGKONG v. SERVICES.

Cricket enthusiasts spent a very enjoyable time on the Hongkong Cricket Club ground yesterday when an all day match was played between the Hongkong C.C. team and a Services XI. The match was very interesting and good batting by the Services was witnessed. A close game resulted in the Club just managing to avoid an innings' defeat. The Club, which batted first, started very well, the first wicket going down with 63 runs registered on the telegraph. The five men who followed were disappointing as they were dismissed cheaply with the score at 108. Two more wickets fell without adding to the score. The tail knocked up 20 runs between them, and the innings closed with 128. Sayer with 49 (including eight boundaries) was the highest contributor. Capt. Davies bowled very well and in his last seven overs (six maidens) got four wickets for as many runs.

The Services started their batting none too promisingly, the first wicket going down for 37 runs, and by the time 105 was reached eight batsmen were out. The last two men made a stand and a beautiful partnership brought the score to 196 at which figure the side was dismissed. Graham topped the score with a prettily compiled 38.

The Club were given a second innings, but there was now no hope, Reed being the only man to hit a six off Davies.

The scores were:—
1st Innings.
T. E. Pearce, c Greig, b Davies ... 20
G. R. Sayer, c and b Greig ... 49
W. C. D. Turner, c Davies, b Kennett ... 24
C. Blake, b Davies ... 3
P. J. de Rome, run out ... 10
R. L. D. Wodehouse c Edwards, b Davies ... 0
J. D. Humphreys, not out ... 17
E. W. Hamilton, c Bonham Carter, b Davies ... 0
H. A. Sawyer, c Graham, b Kennett ... 0
E. B. Reed, b Davies ... 0
R. E. O. Bird, c Bowen, b Kennett ... 4
Extras ... 1
Total ... 128

Bowling Analysis.
O. M. R. W.
Davies ... 18 9 30 5
Graham ... 4 0 32 6
Kennett ... 16 2 3 48 3
Greig ... 3 0 17 1

2nd Innings.
Lt. Bonham Carter, L.H.W., b Wodehouse ... 12
Lt. Stewart, c Sawyer, b Bird ... 22
Major Edwards, L.H.W., b Sayer ... 20
Capt. Davies, c and b Wodehouse ... 4
Col. Bowen, c Pearce, b Wodehouse ... 20
Lt. Com. Greig, c Sawyer, b Wodehouse ... 9
Capt. Gray, c Bird, b Wodehouse ... 12
Lt. Jones, b Wodehouse ... 0
Lt. L. B. Franks, b Sayer ... 28
Lt. Kennett, not out ... 21

and hanging rope—possible only to the strength and confidence that come with perfect skill. Still others would speak up for the Anglo-Chinese troupe, in its remarkable feats of magic. And others would choose Mirasso, who can do things on the bare back of a horse that most people can't do on the solid ground; or the Arkos Trio, in its thrilling aerial work on the flying trapeze; or the Floretti trio; or "Fregoli," the anatomical wonder; or "Spada," the jolly comedian with his merry partners; or some other of the many acts offered on the generous programme. They are all of very high standard.

Two cases of enteric fever, one Hawaiian and the other Chinese, were reported yesterday, also, one case of puerperal fever, Indian.

Of interest to all who live in the far-away corners of the world is the third number of "Outward Bound," a copy of which has been received by the "China Mail." The magazine, which has just been established, has made a most auspicious beginning, and appears to be on its way to success. This being the December number, it contains special Christmas stories and pictures. Among the writers are John Buchan, Beatrice Harraden, Mary Entwistle, Alfred Noyes, S. S. Chatterji, and several others. There is an interesting article on Inazo Nitobe, the Japanese Secretary of the League of Nations, by Basil Mathews; several pages of pictures from all over the world; an authoritative article on conditions in Vienna; an entertaining article on "A Chinese Housewife in her Kitchen"; and some absorbing sketches of people whose Christmas is spent in remote places, far from civilization—besides a number of pleasing stories.

This friendly match was played on the Craigengower ground on New Year's Day. No one took things seriously, and the home team—by no means a representative one—was all out for 41. The soldiers responded with 54. In their second innings the Clubmen played more carefully and completed 70 runs before they were all dismissed. The Wilts knocked up 65 in their next go and then the party adjourned to the pavilion and had a good time. Woodward (Wilts) with 37 was the only batsman to reach double figures in the second innings. The cricket was not first class, but no one worried. They all had an enjoyable time, and that was the principal thing.

THE C.S.C.C.

The members of this club spent a very enjoyable evening on Saturday when "Ye Old Salt Horses" met "Ye Land-lubbers" and defeated them by the narrow margin of one run. The win of the "Horses" was a popular one, with a score of 87.

C.R.C. v. UNIVERSITY.

The University were at home to a Chinese R.C. team captained by Mr. George Lee. A good cricket game was played. The visitors were very hospitably entertained. The visitors batted first and compiled 118 runs before they were dismissed. M.P. Lo (33) and J. Wong (25) were the highest contributors. The University bowlers did well. T. E. Yeoh took 4 wickets for 30 runs, D. K. Samy 2 for 16 and M. Roffey 3 for 30. For the Chinese, Un Hui-fan was the best bowler, taking 5 wickets for 43 runs. In the second innings, the Chinese declared at 112 for the fall of seven wickets. C. Choe (42) and G. Hall (36) were the highest scorers. Freeborn took four wickets for 45 runs for the University. The Home team had a bad time in front of the Chinese bowlers and only managed 85 runs, 34 of which were contributed by L. T. P. Pun. Harry Ching was responsible for six wickets at 5 runs apiece. The Chinese were the victors, of course, but nobody cared.

BOSTOCK'S CIRCUS.

PROGRAMME OF THRILLING ACTS.

SHOWING TO LARGE CROWDS.

Appreciation of the excellent programme of sensational acts offered by Bostock's Royal Italian Circus, which is showing twice daily at Ming Yuen Gardens, North Point, is steadily growing, judging by the crowds that it attracts. The circus-lovers in Hongkong—and there appear to be plenty of them—are taking full advantage of their opportunity. It is seldom that a travelling circus is up-to-date in every respect. This one is. It is even more seldom that a travelling circus presents a bill of uniform excellence, that would compare favourably with the larger, fixed aggregations of performers to be found in the world capitals. But this one does.

The Bostock circus appeals to people of many tastes, having as it does a remarkable variety of good acts. It is difficult to choose the headliners, for the simple reason that they are all good. Some perhaps will prefer "Drunk on the Wire." He appears drunk; but only in appearance. It takes but one glance at his marvellous gyrations on the loose wire to realize that he was anything but deadly sober. He would undoubtedly come to grief. Others may prefer "Mille-Lorens," in her graceful manoeuvres on the trapeze.

POLICE OUTING.

CHILDREN'S ENTERTAINMENT.

AN ENJOYABLE PROGRAMME.

Happy Valley was the scene on New Year's Day of a merry outing, when the Hongkong Police gave their annual Children's entertainment and sports on their recreation grounds. It was an afternoon full of enjoyment for grown-ups as well as little ones. There was a good programme of races and a lively football match, besides tiffin and tea on the grounds, picnic fashion, and a present for all the little people from a Christmas tree.

Among the guests were some members of the Force who had just returned to the Colony on the "Bremen," and the occasion furnished a delightful opportunity for them and for their families to renew their friendships. As many members of the Force as could be spared from duty attended the outing, including representatives of the Fire Brigade, Preventive Service, Jail Wardens and Water Police.

The results of the competitions were as follows:

Ladies' Thread-the-needle Race—1. Mrs. Grimmett; 2. Mrs. Alexander; 3. Mrs. J. Clark.

Ladies' Coconut Shy—1. Olive Gerrard; 2. Mrs. Moss; 3. Mabel Blackman.

Ladies' Egg-and-Spoon Race—1. Margaret Kent; 2. Mrs. Taylor; 3. Mrs. Floyd.

Race for Girls over 10 years of age—1. Ellice Culliford; 2. Irene Pasmore; 3. Mabel Blackman.

For girls under 10—1. Helen Grimmett; 2. Julia Eamer; 3. Beatrice Taylor.

For boys over 10—1. Geo. Culliford; 2. Claude Blackman; 3. Neil Gerrard.

For boys under 10—1. Martin Eamer; 2. Ronald Gerrard; 3. Arthur Floyd.

Men over 35—1. Insp. Gerrard; 2. Sgt. Brown; 3. Chief Insp. Kerr. Men under 35—1. Sgt. Henderson; 2. Mr. Holland; 3. Mr. Gerrard. Tug-of-War: "Married & Single" won by "Married" team—Insp. Appleton, Insp. Patterson, Sgt. Phillips, Mr. Bird, Insp. Eames, Insp. A. Clark, Sgt. Phillips, Sgt. Carpenter, Sub Insp. McNab, Wilson, R. O. Grimmett (Capt).

DAIRY FARM NEWS.

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OBITUARY.

MR. JAMES VANSTONE.

In the death at the Government Civil Hospital yesterday of Mr. James Vanstone, the Colony loses an old resident, widely acquainted and highly respected. He was 74 years of age. He came out to Hongkong in 1874, and for 17 years was the vergor of St. John's Cathedral. Recently he retired from this position on account of the weakness of advanced age, and in appreciation of his long service was presented with a substantial gift.

Mr. Vanstone was perhaps best known for his Masonic activities. He had been a Freemason for 50 years, and during his residence here was District Grand Tyler and acted as Tyler, or in a similar capacity, in practically all the Chapters and Lodges in the Colony, both of the English and Scottish Constitutions. Mr. Vanstone, who leaves a widow, had three children by his first wife, one of whom is Mrs. Adamson, of Wuchow, the second Mrs. Eleny, of Kowloon, and the third a son in the Straits S. S. Co., Singapore.

Measures have been in progress for many months in Japan to bring about the amalgamation of the smaller banks whose number, and an economic danger to the community owing to the competition existing among them to secure business, often leading to high rates of interest being offered. When the financial slump occurred there was a lull in the process of amalgamation, but in view of the brighter outlook it is now in full swing again.

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EARLIER TELEGRAMS

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail)

INDIAN BOYCOTT.

NAGPUR, December 31st. Twenty-two thousand delegates, including several thousand women, attended the National Congress. Some disturbances occurred among the delegates over the election of the members of the Committee, and led to the use of long sticks. The chairman of the Congress Committee, Dr. B. R. Ambedkar, who was the only person who was not hit, was hit on the head by a stick. The Congress Committee was dissolved until Home Rule was attained.

The All-India Students Conference passed a resolution in favour of an immediate and unconditional boycott of the Government and State-aided schools. Mr. Gandhi moved a resolution to amend the constitution to the effect that the object of the Congress is attainment of Home Rule by all legitimate and peaceful means.

Pandit Malaviya gave notice of an amendment, providing that after the word "Home Rule" the following words be added "or full responsible Government within the British Commonwealth."

Mr. Gandhi's resolution was carried, there being only two dissenters. The Congress also passed a resolution that the scheme of non-violent non-cooperation adopted by the earlier Congress, including the renunciation of voluntary association with the present Government and refusal to pay taxes, be partially or wholly enforced when determined by the Congress Committee.

CARUSO SERIOUSLY ILL.

New York, December 31st. St. Caruso, the great tenor, is suffering from comparative tenoritis and has been operated upon for the removal of the fluid.

His condition is serious. Later, Signor Caruso's condition is satisfactory.

QUEEN OF HOLLAND INDISPOSED.

THE HAGUE, December 31st. R.M. the Queen of Holland is slightly indisposed and unable to receive any New Year official visits of congratulation.

RECORD COAL OUTPUT.

LONDON, December 31st. The coal output last week amounted to 5,100,000 tons, the highest since the war and almost reaching a point when the miners' "under day" is expected to see an extra daily. It is expected that plentiful supplies of coal would help in the expansion of industries, thus relieving unemployment.

DAVIS CUP.

ATLANTA, January 1st. In the doubles contest Tilden and Johnston beat Brooks and Patterson by 4/6, 6/4, 6/0, 6/4.

The third match of the challenge round in which the Americans carried off the Davis Cup was played in perfect weather. In the first set, Patterson won by a masterly style while the Americans were in the second set. Johnston's volleying was superb but Brooks was erratic in this department. The Americans dominated the third set for Johnston missed nothing and attacked all the time. Brooks "muffed" many of his errors while Patterson's lapses seemed to have lost all confidence: even in his overhead shots he failed to smash even easy, short tosses. In the course of the fourth and last set the Americans gained an early lead which they maintained to the end. They won the first game on Patterson's service. In the final game, Johnston ran 10/15; when Brooks took the next point making the score 20/10. Johnston ran out on his next service. The Americans were unquestionably superior. Johnston is entitled to the most credit. The Americans' victory is due to the fact that they were in the services and Johnston's brilliant play in many rallies was a great asset.

In the challenge round of the singles in the Davis Cup contest, Tilden (America) beat Brooks, 10/8, 6/4, 1/6, 6/1.

In the second series of singles, Johnston (America) beat Brooks by 5/7, 7/5, 6/8, 6/3.

CRICKET.

MELBOURNE, December 31st. At the close of play in the Second Test match Australia had scored 282 for 6 wickets. Collins made 64, Bardsley 51, and Taylor 65.

MELBOURNE, January 1st. Australia made 489 runs, Pelton contributing 118, and Gregory 100. England had made 63 runs for 2 wickets at the close of play.

MEDICAL RESEARCH COUNCIL.

LONDON, January 1st. The report of the Medical Research Council includes a covering despatch by Mr. Balfour who, as President of the Privy Council, points out that the Council's work is already closely related to the work of the Ministry of Health, especially as regards tuberculosis, venereal diseases and hygienic measures. The Council's work is also serving the interests of other departments of State, notably in connection with enquiries regarding industrial diseases, including miners' nystagmus. The despatch concludes that the Council have been directed to consider how their research organisation may be brought into useful relationship to the Departments of State, and to the Dominion, also to similar research work elsewhere in the Empire.

FUTURE OF SMYRNA.

Smyrna, December 31st. The Greek Archbishop met the leading Turkish and British Nationalists. A suggestion was made for the combined action of local Greek and Turkish for the formation of a new Government in opposition to the Albanian Government. The Turkish replied that there was no need for such a suggestion. It was claimed that Smyrna would soon be restored to Turkey.

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail)

NAVAL ARMAMENTS.

WASHINGTON, December 31st. Senator Borah announces that a special meeting of the Senate Foreign Committee has been called for January 1st to consider his resolution requesting the President to negotiate with Great Britain and Japan for an agreement with the United States to reduce naval armaments.

LONDON, December 31st. The Times, in a leading article on Disarmament, declares that the anxiety of Americans to regard the Anglo-Japanese Alliance as a threat to their own security is due to ignorance, and emphasises the fact that the belief of many Americans that Great Britain is bound by the Treaty to support Japan in war against the United States is grotesquely false. It points out that the stipulations of the Treaty were deliberately varied in 1911 for the express purpose of excluding the possibility of incurring this liability. This was done after the fullest consultation with the responsible Ministers of the British Dominions, who, it was known, could in no conceivable circumstances be induced to fight against America in such a combination. As regards the objection that in the absence of the renewal of the Anglo-American Arbitration Treaty the exemption clause of the Anglo-Japanese Treaty would not apply, the Times points out that Great Britain has notified Japan that she would regard the Anglo-American Peace Commission's Treaty of September, 1914, as a general arbitration treaty within the meaning of the exemption clause.

LONDON, December 31st. The Westminster Gazette, in a leader referring to Senator Borah's resolution, says that America may be sure that any advance along the path for the reduction of naval armaments will be met with hostility by Great Britain, but if America builds a great fleet, in these matters, has a small chance of receiving a hearing in every country having large interests on the sea, and the belligerent competition in land armaments will be transferred to the waters. It emphasises, like the Times, the fact that American suspicions arising out of the Anglo-Japanese Alliance are baseless.

Dealing with the statement of Viscount Haysheild in the Morning Post, that the Japanese Navy is now an aggressive force, the Gazette says that the Japanese Navy is not an aggressive force, but necessary for defence, and that the new ships ordered are necessitated by Great Britain's super-dreadnoughts, etc. The Westminster Gazette says: "The kind of argument that will lead to endless competition in new arms of 'every kind,' and it declares that the bitterest lesson which history has taught is that vast armaments neither ensure peace nor give security in war. We must find another and better way, namely that of conciliation and arbitration, and mutual combination to guarantee all nations against the ambitions and aggressions of any one of them."

LONDON, December 31st. The Daily Mail's New York correspondent says Senator McCumber, Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, after an interview with Senator Harding, declared that both military and naval expenditure must be curtailed. He was satisfied that a way could be found for an agreement between the larger nations to a decrease in armaments. Senator McCumber thought, however, that it was too late to stop ships already under construction.

WHERE IS DE VALERA?

New York, December 31st. De Valera's secretary announces that De Valera is in Ireland. De Valera has arrived safely in Ireland.

De Valera, who was recently reported to have gone to Ireland, has been located in New Rochelle, New York, where he is recuperating after his labours.

Sinn Féin officials declare that it has been imperative to reiterate that De Valera is hiding in New York. In order to secure a landing in Ireland, it was assumed that he shipped as one of the crew of an outgoing vessel. The secretary declines to state the purpose of De Valera's return but has distributed copies of the "President's" farewell to the United States, which runs as follows: "From the land of the free and the home of the brave. Farewell! May you never know the agony of a foreign master's lash."

LONDON, January 1st. So far there are no signs of De Valera landing in Ireland. As is usual in such cases, the wildest rumours are circulating in Ireland, including one that he has landed at Galway with the connivance of the Government to help the peace movement.

New York, January 1st. De Valera's secretary declares that De Valera's object in returning to Ireland was to resume the active leadership of the Irish Provisional Government and forward the cause of the insurgents. The Irish-American Committee for the relief of Ireland have formed a preliminary fund of three hundred thousand dollars.

LONDON, January 1st. The Times says it is definitely stated in Government circles that the Irish negotiations have partially broken down owing to the refusal of the advanced Sinn Féiners to give any more effective guarantee than a mere truce. Following up the Bishop of Cork's recent Pastoral-letter excommunicating members of secret orders, the Archbishop of Tuam has issued a Pastoral-decree which declares the Crown is unlawful, and calls attention to the New Canon Law under which members of secret societies, plotting against the Church and State, are ipso facto, excommunicated. It says, too, that the oaths of such societies are not binding, and that members must leave them.

He refers to the recent raid on the Aran Isles, which, he says, were always most peaceful, and had been subjected to an orgy of terrorism by the Forces of the Crown.

LONDON, December 31st. A patrol of 10-Police was ambushed at Middletown, County Cork, last night. One constable was killed, three were seriously, and two slightly wounded. A police convoy from Cork, which was coming to assist the patrol was ambushed also, and the Sergeant seriously injured. New York, January 1st. Mrs. McKinney received the President of New York at a special ceremony.

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TIME TABLE.

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INDIAN BOYCOTT.

COMPREHENSIVE RESOLUTION BY NATIONAL CONGRESS.

A SERIOUS THREAT.

NAGPUR, January 2.

At the Nationalist Congress (mentioned in our earlier cables), a resolution with regard to non-violent non-cooperation urges the withdrawal of children from the State Schools, students from State institutions, and lawyers from their practices. It appeals to merchants and traders gradually to boycott foreign trade. It says that the Congress will appoint a committee of experts to formulate a scheme of economic boycott and call upon the elected members of the Council to resign, soldiers and police to refuse to subordinate creed and country to the fulfilment of orders, and Government employees pending the national call for their resignation to "help the national cause by greater kindness and stricter honesty in their dealings with the people." It urges all bodies exclusively to give attention to non-cooperation in order that self-government may be established in one year.

BETHMANN-HOLLWEG DEAD.

BERLIN, January 2.

The death is announced of Bethmann-Hollweg, the ex-Chancellor of Germany.

FIUME SURRENDER.

CITIZENS LEFT TO DECIDE D'ANNUNZIO'S FATE.

ROME, January 2.

A meeting of Fiume representatives with General Ferrario on January 1 arranged the final details of the surrender by which the authorities and citizens of Fiume are left to decide D'Annunzio's fate. The Italian regulars will be withdrawn to the frontiers when all the conditions have been fulfilled. There have been several scraps between insubordinate legionaries and Italians. The latter were obliged to use artillery and machine guns.

WANCHAI GAP.

REVIVAL OF TRAMWAY SCHEME.

RETURN OF MR. SEVERN.

The return of the Hon. Mr. Claud Severn, C.M.G., Colonial Secretary, who is due about January 9, to resume his duties, is expected to be followed by a revival of the plan for the construction by the Government of a tramway to Wanchai Gap, to permit of the development of a new residential area on the hill that will offer sites within the reach of residents of moderate incomes.

Mr. Severn was in favour of the proposal when it was suggested some time back, and it is understood that he still considers it a thoroughly feasible plan for meeting, in part at least, the Colony's greatest need—adequate housing facilities for its population. During his absence the Acting Colonial Secretary, the Hon. Mr. A. G. M. Fletcher, O.B.E., did not press the scheme, and it was generally considered that he did not endorse it.

At the meeting of the Legislative Council on November 18 last, the Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock, K.C., the Senior Unofficial Member of the Council, asked a question on the subject. He said: "With regard to building development in the neigh-

bourhood of Wanchai Gap, we notice with astonishment that the Hill Tramway to Wanchai Gap, for the construction of which a sum of \$150,000 was inserted in the Estimates for 1920 does not figure at all in the Estimates for 1921, and we are at a loss to understand the reason for the omission, as obviously a tram from the low level to Wanchai Gap is an indispensable preliminary to the development of the Mount Cameron District, which cannot be effectively opened-up by motor roads only. We presume that the Government has had a survey made of the route of such projected tramway and a rough estimate of the cost thereof, and we should be glad of information on these points."

To this question, Mr. Fletcher made reply, in part as follows: "I would mention that a rough survey has been prepared and a very rough estimate of the cost is two lakhs, without taking into account motive power of any description. We might take power from the Hongkong Electric Company. One reason why it is not going on is that sites at Wanchai Gap are being opened up by the new road. One of the reasons for the Wanchai Gap Tramway was the inadequacy of the present tramway to the Peak. We are negotiating with the Peak Tramway Company to bring the tram down to Queen's Road and to enlarge the cars to carry nearly double the number of people they now carry."

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hope the arrangements made will not necessitate any large increase in fares.

According to the understanding current among those who have taken the trouble to keep in touch with the subject, Mr. Fletcher did not go as far as he might have gone, with reference to the preliminary work already done in connection with the scheme. It is said that the survey that was made was more than a "rough survey" that in fact it was complete, so such an extent that the working plans were also made in detail, so that at the present moment all that would be necessary to start actual construction of the tramway would be to hand the plans to the contractor chosen for the task. Further, it is said that an examination of the plans has disclosed that the building of the tramway would cost considerably less than the two lakhs specified as the probable cost according to a rough estimate.

Those who favour the plan dismiss entirely the argument that such a tramway is not needed because sites at Wanchai Gap are being opened up by the new road. The new road is a motor road, and the only people who will use it will be those who can afford to operate motor cars. These are not the people who are affected by the housing shortage. Further, they already have all of the hill district that

has been opened up to development. The advocates of the tramway insist that what is needed is not the building of more magnificent motor roads that benefit only a few wealthy families, but the provision of some reasonable method of transportation that will enable people of small incomes also to take advantage of the healthy sites on the hill top.

The argument that bringing the Peak tramway a little farther down the hill to Queen's Road "will dispose of one of the reasons advanced for the building of the Wanchai Gap tramway" also is treated as irrelevant by those who urge the opening up of the Wanchai Gap district to people of average incomes. They point out that the lengthening of the Peak tramway will not affect the situation at Wanchai Gap in the slightest degree, and will not in any way make it either easier or cheaper of access.

The Canadian Pacific steamer "Monteagle," which arrived days ago, ran into a spell of heavy weather about four days out of Vancouver which left its mark on her. The sea that broke on deck hit her up several lifeboats and a life raft, but fortunately did no more serious damage.

ENTERTAINMENT

CHEFALO AND PALERMO, MAGICIANS.

"KING OF THE RINGS" AND
"PALERMO THE PIQUANT"

The art of magic in our time has advanced by leaps and bounds and even in this part of the world we have seen some of the best. However with the appearance here of CHEFALO AND PALERMO and their complete company in the THEATRE ROYAL on SATURDAY NEXT, January 8, amusement lovers here will have the pleasure of heralding the two greatest living exponents of this wonderful talent. Both are Italian born but they spent some years in the United States and they have headed all the principal theatres in that and other countries. In fact their tour of this part of the World is in furtherance of a complete tour of the world and they have been twelve years on the "road" now and still looking for new fields to conquer. Chefalo and Palermo, it may be noted, to show their undoubted standing in their profession played the principal cities in England for one year, America two years, Germany four months, Belgium three months, Holland three months, Hungary two months, Spain two years (for they speak Spanish and Portuguese and other languages fluently) Portugal two months, English Guinea two months, English West Indies two months, Curacao (Dutch) and Venezuela six months, Porto Rico two months, Cuba four months, Jamaica one month, Panama two months, Peru four months, Chili four months, Argentina two years (creating records in this Latin country), Paraguay three months, Uruguay two months, Brazil six months, Africa seven months with the Theatres Trust here and before coming to the East toured Australia under the direction of J. C. Williamson, Ltd., Chefalo and Palermo to tour these countries are naturally fine linguists and speak English, Spanish, Portuguese, Italian and French. Where other magicians copy Chefalo invents thus the public here will see some new and big tricks of which Chefalo holds the only secret. Palermo, a beautiful woman, wears also some exquisite dresses during her work on the stage. The season here is only a limited one. Seats for the season here can be booked daily at Moorings. Early application is essential.

1921 WELCOMED.

HONGKONG'S CELEBRATIONS.

CORDIAL GREETING TO NEW YEAR.

The New Year was welcomed to the Colony with proper ceremony and a variety of celebrations—immense private ones, by the way—and a grand discordant chorus of noise. If there is one thing more than another in which Hongkong can give lessons to the Western world on such occasions, it is in the art of making a racket. Not only does it have any number of big and little ships to lend their deep-throated steam whistles to the cause, but it has a fearful and wonderful assortment of firecrackers of every size and description. And for a genuine ding-dong avalanche of noise, there is nothing that comes up to a wild riot of firecrackers.

New Year's Eve was an illustration. Rockets shot up above the shadowy roofs of the city and exploded with muffled detonations; long strings of firecrackers depending from balconies kept up a sharp rattling crackle like the angry mutterings of indignant machine-guns; and down in the streets there was a constant popping of individual crackers, tossed there by sly folk in the upper stories of the buildings, to their own amusement and the discomfort of unwary pedestrians passing below.

At the Hongkong Hotel long strings of big firecrackers had been hung on the Des Voeux Road side of the building, and at the stroke of midnight these were touched off. They went off, it may be said, with great success, and in the manner they were intended to go. For ten minutes or more it was impossible for anyone within a square of the scene to hear anything else.

Altogether it was a very successful event, and the young New Year must have felt gratified at the cordiality of its welcome. For evidence of the sincerity attached to the welcome, it had only to count the number of aching heads that were left the next day as the legacy of the celebrations. That, certainly, would have convinced it of the whole-heartedness with which it had been greeted.

KINEMA NOTES.

To-morrow will be the last opportunity that patrons of the Hongkong Theatre will have of seeing "Stolen Goods," a very interesting drama featuring Blanche Sweet and Hooper Peters. This excellent emotional love story woven round an exchange of identities, is supported by several delightful comedies.

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LOCAL AND GENERAL.

It is easy to see why China's imperial colour is yellow, writes Stella Benson from Yangtze River to the Star. Her rivers are yellow, her long plains are yellow—especially in a famine year such as this, and as for her seas—the boundaries of her world—so desert-yellow is her colour that a string of camels crossing them would look more in keeping than a string of junka. And so one can understand why the very heart of the heart of China, the Imperial City, should lie like a shimmering lake of golden tiles within her lous besieged walls. Even against the evidence of my own eyes, I cannot believe that the Great Wall is built of solid ordinary stones laid one upon the other. Rather it seems moulded out of the stuff of which the mountains themselves were made, long ago when the world was plastic and empty of all save possibilities. There never was so sinuous a thing as the Great Wall built by men. I think, so sinuous and so aspiring.

The inclusion of a knighthood in the New Year's Honour List for Mr. N. J. Stabb, who has just retired from the general management of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, in recognition of his services on behalf of British trade in the Far East, came as no great surprise in the Colony in view of the following paragraph published in the China Mail on December 22—It is understood that the speech made by H.E. the Governor at the Chamber of Commerce dinner in the Hongkong Club last night in honour of the Hon. Mr. N. J. Stabb, retiring general manager of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, contained an indication that when their guest of honour landed in Britain it would not be as Mr. Stabb. The natural inference from this remark is that Mr. Stabb's name will be included in the New Year's Honour List.

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